

Town of Brookline
Surveillance Technology and Military-Type Equipment Study Committee
Bernard Greene, Chair **Date:** Mar 5, 2020

Committee members present:

Bernard Greene, Chair
C. Scott Ananian
Lt. Paul Campbell
Susan Howards
Amy Hummel
Sal D'Agostino
Feng Yang (Director of Digital Services for Brookline; designee for Kevin Stokes)

Committee members absent:

Sgt. Casey Hatchett
Igor Muravyov

Non-committee members present:

Emiliano Falcon, ACLU
Officer Scott Wilder, Directory of Technology, Brookline Police

Committee member Ananian agreed to take minutes.

Discussion:

1. Reviewed status of Military-Type Equipment component of the committee charge.
 - a. Lt. Campbell was charged with writing an initial draft of the report section on Military-Type Equipment
 - b. Scott Wilder updated the committee on the current status of UASI grants. The Federal government is taking a more direct role in determining who gets funded.
 - c. Brookline does not participate in the Shot Spotter program.
2. Introductions of committee members
3. Minutes for Feb 6, 2020 were approved (Yang and Agostino abstaining)
4. The Committee described creation of guidelines for social media use and use of "free" apps by the Town, Schools, and Police Department.
 - a. Feng Yang described how the Town vets application providers before they are used by the Town. The Town has a Cloud Vendor Security Questionnaire, aka the "grill list".
 - b. Chair Greene will circulate guidelines from Police and Town; committee member Ananian will collect ideas for further guidelines from committee members
5. Discussion of practices for software acquisition will be deferred until next meeting.
6. Town's relation to the Fusion Center was discussed
 - a. There is a state-level Fusion Center; our regional "fusion center" is the BRIC - Boston Regional Intelligence Center. They do analysis of regional and state-wide crime. We have a liaison officer with the BRIC. There are network connections between them.

- b. Brookline also has an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at 870 Hammond St. Each city and town typically has one.
- c. PSnet (Public Safety network) is connected to other UASI cities and towns, via FIPS-compliant devices.
- d. Nine cities and towns with CIMS networks. They are not interconnected live. There are requests which go via the Chief. For example, during the Marathon viewing of Beacon St is requested. When the request is approved, Officer Wilder opens up the firewall via VPN and gives a username/password to the requester which allows view access to specified cameras. Originally Bosch cameras, now FLAIR cameras. FLAIR is the camera vendor; also the software used.
 - i. Officer Wilder is the only admin for the cameras; the only person who can give access.
 - ii. Never gives out PTZ access to others. Only gives out (view-only) access during the Marathon.
 - iii. Generally we don't give access in response to requests, usually we'll review the cameras ourselves.
 - iv. Oversight: CIMS committee; Lt. Campbell is a member of the Internal Affairs division which does an audit twice a year. The Office of Professional Responsibility does an audit twice a year.
- e. Brookline also has quick-deploy cameras, which were originally included in the Galaxy public safety network. For example, we moved one to White Place to deal with some incidents of public urination.
- f. A question was asked about requests from outside agencies (MBTA, City of Boston) which are not disclosed due to ongoing investigations.
- g. Many requests are from insurance companies regarding accidents. The camera recordings are public records, they have to be released in response to a valid request.
- h. Brookline uses WebEOC for collaboration/communication during the marathon. Again a VPN connection connected to microwave links. Boston provides view access to their camera coming down Commonwealth Avenue.
- i. Mobile Shot Spotter brought in 2014, monitored by the state. Chemical/nuclear sniffers also deployed, either worn or installed (certainly in 2014, perhaps also to some degree after that).

Follow up items:

1. Next meeting will be Thursday, Mar 5, at 10:30am.
2. Chair Greene will send committee member Muravyov's checklist to committee members D'Agostino and Yang
3. Feng Yang will send grill list to the committee
4. Lt. Campbell will draft a report on Military Type Equipment, with the assistance of committee members Hatchett and Howards
5. Committee member Ananian will collect guideline recommendations
6. Ananian will send minutes quickly, also send agendas to Feng Yang